

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/FI 02/00506

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: E21B 1/38, B25D 9/04

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 9842481 A1 (RAMROCK OY), 1 October 1998 (01.10.98) --	1-10
A	US 5002136 A (J.-C. BARTHOMEUF), 26 March 1991 (26.03.91) --	1-10
A	US 4718500 A (M. MORI), 12 January 1988 (12.01.88) -----	1-10

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.
 ☒ See patent family annex.

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"X" document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
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(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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Date of mailing(<i>day/month/year</i>) 19 December 2002 (19.12.02)		IMPORTANT NOTICE	
Applicant's or agent's file reference 2010642PC/ko			
International application No. PCT/FI02/000506	International filing date(<i>day/month/year</i>) 11 June 2002 (11.06.02)	Priority date(<i>day/month/year</i>) 12 June 2001 (12.06.01)	
Applicant SANDVIK TAMROCK OY, et al			

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has **communicated**, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this notice:

KP, KR, US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

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The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 19 December 2002 (19.12.02) under No. WO 02/101192.

4. **TIME LIMITS for filing a demand for international preliminary examination and for entry into the national phase**

The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, **subject to what is said in the following paragraph**, be **30 MONTHS** from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office if a demand for international preliminary examination is filed before the expiration of **19 months** from the priority date, but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filing of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 19926, 19932 and 19934, as well as the *PCT Newsletter*, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

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For filing a **demand for international preliminary examination**, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Chapter IX. Only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination (at present, all PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II).

It is the applicant's **sole responsibility** to monitor all these time limits.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 2010642PC/nu	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/FI02/00506	International filing date (day/month/year) 11.06.2002	Priority date (day/month/year) 12.06.2001
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC ₇ E21B 1/38, B25D 9/04		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 25.11.2002	Date of completion of this report 23.09.2003
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-10, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages 11-13, filed with the letter of 25.06.2003
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 1-5, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheet/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: WO 9842481 A1

D2: US 5002136 A

D3: US 4718500 A

The cited documents represent the general state of the art. The invention defined in claims 1- 10 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed rock drill. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-10 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

CLAIMS

1. A rock drill comprising
a frame (11);
a shank (6) that is arranged in the front section of the drill (1) and
5 that is axially movable;
a percussion device (4) having a reciprocating percussion piston
(10) on the same axis with the shank (6) and arranged to hit the back end of
the shank (6) to provide impact pulses in drilling equipment to be fastened to
the shank (6), the percussion piston (10) having an absorber (26) to absorb the
10 percussion piston (10) impacts that extend to the front side of a designed im-
pact point; and
a pulling element (17, 29) that is a sleeve-like piece arranged
around the shank, the drill (1) having means for exerting a pulling force to the
pulling element (17, 29) and for moving the pulling element by a pulling force
15 axially toward the percussion piston (10), the pulling element further having a
first bearing surface (18) that is arranged to act on a second bearing surface
(19) on the shank (6) to move the shank by said pulling force to the designed
impact point,
characterized in that
20 during rock drilling, a push force is arranged to act on the pulling
element (17, 29), the push force being stronger than the pulling force exerted
to the pulling element (17, 29) during drilling; and that
during rock drilling, due to said push force, the pulling element (17,
29) is positioned toward the front section of the drill at a predefined distance
25 from the position corresponding to the impact point of the shank (6).
2. A rock drill as claimed in claim 1, **characterized** in that at
the back end of the pulling element (17, 29), there is a pressure surface (17b,
29b) and that the pressure surface (17b, 29b) is connected to a channel (22)
for feeding a pressure medium to act on said pressure surface (17b, 29b) to
30 achieve the push force.
3. A rock drill as claimed in claim 2, **characterized** in that
the pulling element (17, 29) and the frame (11) of the drill limit between them a
circular pressure space (53) that has a pressure surface (17b, 29b).
4. A rock drill as claimed in claim 3, **characterized** in that
35 the circular pressure space (53) is sealed with sealings (51, 52) arranged be-
tween the pulling element (17, 29) and the frame (11) of the drill.

5. A rock drill as claimed in claims 2 to 4, **characterized** in that the pressure medium is a mixture of gas and lubricant used to lubricate the drill.

6. A rock drill as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that at the front end of the pulling element (17), there is a pressure surface (17a) that is connected to a first channel (21), and that the pressure of a pressure medium is fed from said channel (21) to act on said pressure surface (17a) to achieve a pulling force.

7. A rock drill as claimed in claim 6, **characterized** in that a sleeve-like second pulling piston (23) is arranged coaxially with the pulling element (17), that at the front end of the second pulling piston (23), there is a pressure surface that is connected to a channel (24) for feeding a pressure medium to said pressure surface in order to move the second pulling piston (23) toward the percussion piston (10), and that a pulling force provided by the second pulling piston (23) is stronger than a force having an opposite direction and acting on the pulling element (17), that the circumference of the pulling element (17) has a shoulder (20), on which the second pulling piston (23) is arranged to act for generating a pulling force in order to move the pulling element (17) toward the percussion piston (10), that the movement of the pulling element (17) is restricted by a mechanical surfaces formed in the frame (11), that the movement of the second pulling piston (23) toward the percussion piston (10) is restricted by the shoulder (25) in such a manner that the pulling element (17) is in the rearmost position of the second pulling piston (23) at a distance from the mechanical surfaces limiting the forward movement of the pulling element (17), and that the forward movement of at least the second pulling piston (23) is absorbed by an absorber (28).

8. A rock drill as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, **characterized** in that on the front side of the pulling element (29), there are several cylinder spaces (31) parallel to the shank (6), that each cylinder space (31) is equipped with a cylindrical pulling piston (30, 34, 38), and that the pressure of a pressure medium is led from a channel (32, 33, 35) to the front ends of the pulling pistons (30, 34, 38) to move the pulling pistons (30, 34, 38) toward the percussion piston (10) and to provide a pulling force to the pulling element (29).

9. A rock drill as claimed in claim 8, **characterized** in that the cylindrical pulling pistons (34, 38) are divided according to their travel

length into at least two piston groups, and the movement of the pulling pistons (34) having a shorter travel length is limited toward the percussion piston (10), that during rock drilling, the pulling pistons (34) having a shorter travel length are arranged to provide a second force toward the percussion piston (10) that is stronger than the push force acting on the pulling element (29), that the pulling element (29) is during rock drilling supported by means of the pulling pistons (34) having a shorter travel length to be at a distance from the foremost extreme position of the pulling element (29), and that there is an absorber (40) arranged at least to each pulling piston (34) having a shorter travel length for absorbing the forward movement of the pulling piston (34) and the pulling element (29) supported thereby in the foremost extreme position of the pulling pistons (34).

10. A rock drill as claimed in claim 8 or 9, **characterized** in that a pulling pin (39) parallel to the pulling piston (30, 34, 38) is arranged between each pulling piston (30, 34, 38) and the pulling element (29) behind it to transmit a force from the pulling piston (30, 34, 38) to the pulling element (29).

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0-3	Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"	The Finnish Patent Office PCT International Application
0-4	Form - PCT/RO/101 PCT Request	
0-4-1	Prepared using	PCT-EASY Version 2.92 (updated 01.01.2002)
0-5	Petition The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
0-6	Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)	National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) (RO/FI)
0-7	Applicant's or agent's file reference	2010642PC/ko
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II-7	State of residence	FI
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V	Designation of States	
V-1	Regional Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	<p>AP: GH GM KE LS MW MZ SD SL SZ TZ UG ZM ZW and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT</p> <p>EA: AM AZ BY KG KZ MD RU TJ TM and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Eurasian Patent Convention and of the PCT</p> <p>EP: AT BE CH&LI CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE IT LU MC NL PT SE TR and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT</p> <p>OA: BF BJ CF CG CI CM GA GN GQ GW ML MR NE SN TD TG and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT</p>
V-2	National Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	<p>AE AG AL AM AT (patent and utility model) AU AZ BA BB BG BR BY BZ CA CH&LI CN CO CR CU CZ (patent and utility model) DE (patent and utility model) DK (patent and utility model) DM DZ EC EE (patent and utility model) ES FI (patent and utility model) GB GD GE GH GM HR HU ID IL IN IS JP KE KG KP KR KZ LC LK LR LS LT LU LV MA MD MG MK MN MW MX MZ NO NZ OM PH PL PT RO RU SD SE SG SI SK (patent and utility model) SL TJ TM TN TR TT TZ UA UG US UZ VN YU ZA ZM ZW</p>

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V-5	Precautionary Designation Statement In addition to the designations made under items V-1, V-2 and V-3, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) of the State(s) indicated under item V-6 below. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit.	
V-6	Exclusion(s) from precautionary designations	NONE
VI-1	Priority claim of earlier national application	
VI-1-1	Filing date	12 June 2001 (12.06.2001)
VI-1-2	Number	20011235
VI-1-3	Country	FI
VI-2	Priority document request The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s):	VI-1
VII-1	International Searching Authority Chosen	Swedish Patent Office (ISA/SE)
VIII	Declarations	Number of declarations
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	1
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-

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VIII-2-1	Declaration: Entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate: Name:	in relation to this international application SANDVIK TAMROCK OY is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:
VIII-2-1 (ii)		SANDVIK TAMROCK OY is entitled as employer of the inventor, MUUTTONEN, Timo
VIII-2-1 (ix)	This declaration is made for the purposes of:	all designations except the designation of the United States of America

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IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	5	-
IX-2	Description	10	-
IX-3	Claims	3	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	EZABST00.TXT
IX-5	Drawings	5	-
IX-7	TOTAL	24	
	Accompanying items	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-9	Original separate power of attorney	✓	-
IX-11	Copy of general power of attorney	reference no. <no.>	-
IX-17	PCT-EASY diskette	-	Diskette
IX-18	Other (specified):	Copy of Official Action	-
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract	2	
IX-20	Language of filing of the international application	English	
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